

Fall Flag Football Policy Update

Colorado transitioned from “Safer at Home” to “Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors” June 1st and stays in effect until additional variances are approved. Guidance was released and finalized on Thursday, June 4th for organized recreational sports including baseball and softball. Under the guidelines, leagues are limited to group sizes of up to 25 players on the field, excluding coaches and referees/umpires. Spectators are permitted for youth sports, so long as members from different households maintain at least 6’ of physical distance.

Under the new “Safer at Home and the Vast, Great Outdoors” it is still recommended to limit social interactions, remain at least 6’ from others not in their household, and wear non-medical facial coverings in public.

Colorado “Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors” Guidelines

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/recreation>

Hygiene Protocols

- Hand sanitizer available for each team. Teams/players encouraged to bring their own sanitizer. Each player and coach must use hand sanitizer upon entry, before warming up, and when subbed out/sitting on the bench.
- No sharing of drinks or food. Players are required to bring their own drinks and food.
- Remind parents that their children cannot participate if they have any of the following symptoms
 - Fever of 100.4°F or greater
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Chills
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Headache
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- If an individual (player or coach) has a temperature above 100.3°F, or has a positive response to the Daily Symptom Tracker, that individual will be removed from the group.

Contact Tracing Protocols

- Head coach must assign a parent manager
- Parent manager duties include:
 - maintain team roster

- gather and collect all names of parents/spectators that are in attendance (first & last name, phone #) for each date (practices and games)
- complete Daily Symptom Tracker for all in attendance (coaches, players, spectators)
- turn in completed list to the supervisor after every practice

Practice Protocols

- 2 coaches allowed per team for practices only
- All practices will be scheduled through the Evans Recreation Department
- All players and coaches are encouraged to wear masks upon entry and departure of practice field
- Parents drop off players. If staying for practice, parents are encouraged to wear masks and keep at least 6' distance from other households.
- If there is a scheduled practice prior to your team, do not enter field until team has completely vacated the field. Enter field maintaining at least 6' physical distance.
- During drills maintain at least 6' physical distancing. Frequently rotate footballs. Disinfect footballs between drills.
- Following practice, no post-practice huddle. Pick-up equipment, clean field of any debris. Leave field maintaining at least 6' of physical distance.
- No handshakes or high fives allowed
- No team huddles or close-range coaching
- Players are highly encouraged to wear football gloves
- Players are highly encouraged to not touch their mouth guard once it has been placed in their mouth and to sanitize their hands after it has been touched.

Post-practice Protocols

- Spectators
 - Following practice, exit field immediately following physical distancing
- Teams (players & coaches)
 - Place all debris in trash cans
 - Remove all equipment from team area
 - Immediately exit the field following physical distancing guidelines

Facility Protocols

- Staff is required to wear masks at all times.
- Staff practices physical distancing